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He found himself with enough short pieces of cloth at the end of the season to make up several thousand shirts.

These odd pieces were made up & the garments sold on a 35c basis. The cloth is a good heavy weight percale, with no cords to crack.

Neat effects & medium dark patterns, in white grounds, with stripes, figures & plaids.

There's a big assortment of patterns—the goods are all new & fresh & identical in every respect with the 50c shirts turned out by the same concern.

SEND TELEPHONE GIRLS FROM NEW YORK TO HELP

Twenty-Five Experts Arrive in Special Car to Relieve the Strain.

PUBLIC BLOCKS SERVICE

Refusal to Call Madison or Monroe Cause of Constant Complaint.

Twenty-five expert telephone operators from the main offices in New York arrived here in a special Pullman car at 8 o'clock yesterday morning to help relieve the situation caused by the installation of the double exchange and the failure of subscribers to follow instructions in making calls. Seven came from other sections, and they got to work at noon. Vice-President and General Manager J. Epps Brown of the Southern Bell Company, and other officials in the various departments, reached the city yesterday morning, and they reported that the outlook was bright for an improved service hereafter.

Help Badly Needed. Help was needed and needed badly, for the operators who have stuck to the boards during the most trying period of the company's existence here had been worn out by the public and its whims.

The most astonishing amount of ignorance has been shown in some quarters, citizens declaring that they never heard of the Madison and Monroe arrangements, while others made them, colored servants, who call up the butcher, the baker and the candlestick-maker early in the morning, has been well-nigh hopeless. By noon each day there has been a steady improvement, the night service being normal, but at daybreak the trouble begins afresh when servants jump on the wires.

Early in the week more than 80 per cent. came in wrong. Yesterday, however, the management reported that 80 per cent. of the calls were correct, though this condition did not prevail while the servants were busy.

Beat New York Experts. There was a sigh of relief at headquarters when those New York girls marched in. They are experts from the heart; they have had to deal with people with half a dozen exchanges to be operated, and they have experience in making them proficient to a degree. They were picked carefully because of their peculiar adaptability, and when they left New York late Wednesday night they were in charge of a chaplain, who will remain with them while here. The question of cost was not considered by the company.

The one fact started the officers in the face that while the change had been advertised in the newspapers and in the new directory for nearly a month, the public did not seem to know, or care, that it was necessary to give the Madison or Monroe prefix before the number desired.

As conditions became somewhat improved yesterday the number of "information" stations was reduced from twenty to twelve, but these twelve had to be handled. Some trouble has been experienced as a result of the fact that many subscribers are using old directories, but to avoid the possibility of this hereafter a number of men have been employed to go to every subscriber's home in Richmond to-day and gather them in.

Ward Line Mixed-Up. Although there is absolutely no reason why it should be so, the ward line mix-up has developed, and has largely retarded the highest efficiency. After sending in a number, without giving the name of the exchange, the central operator has to ask the subscriber, "Madison or Monroe?" which is followed by a scream from the other end that the speaker doesn't live in Madison or Monroe, but in Jefferson Ward. The ward system has long been a thorn in the flesh here, the telephone people finding that they must bear their part of the burden as best they can.

What delays the service is the failure of the subscriber to give the exchange prefix, which makes it necessary to again find the number in the directory or else appear to information. All the while the connection is broken. A record is kept of all incorrect calls, the statement being made that it would be surprising to find how many intelligent people fall by the wayside.

Most Everything Madison. More than 1,000 connections have been cut into the Monroe exchange, which means, of course, that one-tenth of the calls are Madison. Everything almost is Madison, though the number is being reduced gradually as the Monroe exchange grows. It might as well be stated here that there will be no change, that Madison and Monroe will remain, and that it is absolutely necessary in calling a number to give that prefix. There has never been anything like the strain under which the telephone girls have been laboring. They have accepted the kicks and cuffs, and when the case seems hopeless the complainants are shifted over to the information desk.

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FUNERAL OF MR. SPENCE

City Council to Meet at 4 P. M. and Attend Services at Church. President Peters has issued a call for a special meeting of the City Council to be held in the Council chamber at 4 P. M. to-day to take suitable action on the death of the Vice-President, E. Harvie Spence, members of the Board of Aldermen and city officials being invited by the lower branch to be present. Carriages will be in readiness, and the Council will attend the funeral in a body. The funeral will be held from the residence, 322 East Franklin Street, at 5 o'clock this afternoon.

The services will be conducted by the Rev. W. C. James, of Grove Avenue Baptist Church, and the interment will be in Hollywood Cemetery. Active pall-bearers will be H. R. Pollard, Jr., C. W. Winn, W. M. Talbot, H. G. Pitt, C. D. Robertson, John C. Hagan, D. C. O'Flaherty and Barton H. Grundy. City officials and members of the two branches of the City Council will serve as honorary pall-bearers.

POLICE COURT CASES

James Bowles Goes to Grand Jury for Forging Tickets.

On two charges of forging tickets from this city to Buckroe Beach, James Bowles, colored, was sent to the grand jury from the Police Court yesterday morning. His case will come up July 26.

Earnest Bell, colored, charged with stealing two coats of trousers from the National Clothing Company valued at \$8.50, got four months in jail.

Harry Lightfoot, colored, charged with having beaten two horses and driven them hard, was fined \$20 and required to give security in the sum of \$100 for sixty days.

Daniel Hogan, colored man, charged with gambling in the East End, was turned over to the Henrico county authorities.

Eliza Hicks came to court saying that she had been shot by Florence Thomas "with intent to maim, disfigure and kill." The wounds were exhibited and Florence was sent to the grand jury.

W. F. Denny, colored, valved examination and had his case certified to the Hustings Court. He is charged with having forged the name of Clerk C. O. Saville, of the Chancery Court.

Qualifications in Chancery.

Zeph F. Garthright qualified yesterday in the Chancery Court as administrator of the estate of Ernest C. Garthright. The estate is valued at \$2,000.

Luther B. Brainerd qualified as executor of the estate of Christina J. Franck. The estate is valued at \$11,000.

Alvin E. Hampton and William J. Kiser qualified as executors of the estate of Martha F. Hampton. The estate is valued at \$1,600.

PUTNAM MISSION'S FIRST YEAR'S WORK

Anniversary Meeting To-Night Will Hear Stories of Many Converted People.

The Putnam Theatre Mission, on lower Franklin Street, will hold its first anniversary celebration at 8 o'clock. Mayor D. C. Richardson, Rev. J. V. Morris, of Monumental Church, and a number of other prominent citizens will take part in the exercises. A varied musical program has been arranged.

In some respects this mission is unique. It is modeled after the old Jerry McAuley Mission, in Water Street, N. Y., and is located where it can reach hundreds who never enter the churches.

The mission was opened one year ago to-night. Since that time more than 4,000 persons have attended the services. Three hundred and fifty men and women who were "down and out" have been converted in the mission, and 400 religious services have been held.

An interesting feature of to-night's program will be the personal statements of many men who have been converted in the mission. Some of these men have been notorious in police circles, and the stories of their lives are full of human interest.

ORDER POWERS TO PULL DOWN WALL

Councilman Who Wanted Building Code Revised Reported by Inspector Beck's Office.

Some comment has been caused in municipal circles by the resolution introduced in the last meeting of the Common Council by Councilman John T. Powers, looking to the compilation of a new building code. Mr. Powers's effort to have the resolution, which provides for a special committee charged with the duty of drawing up a code, failed to secure a sufficient number of votes to secure its passage under a suspension of the rules, and it was therefore referred to the Committee on Ordinances, Charter and Reform. Mr. Mills made the point on the floor that the present code had been drawn up by expert architects, engineers and practical builders, and stated that in his view no Council committee was capable of improving on it.

Inspector Beck said yesterday that Mr. Powers, who is a brick contractor, has recently been in trouble with the Building Inspector's office, having been reported by Deputy Inspector Butler for using a nine-inch wall in a house where the building code specifically prescribes thirteen inches.

Inspector Beck said yesterday that the Councilman had been twice reported for violations of the code, and that on one occasion a section of brick wall had been torn down by order of his office, as not in conformity with the building regulations. While there may be minor amendments to the building code which will benefit all parties, it is not believed that the city will surrender to contractors the benefits derived from the passage of that document but one year ago, especially as it has been shown that instead of retarding building, as was predicted, building operations in the city have increased during the past year.

WILL DISCUSS CONSOLIDATION QUESTION TUESDAY NIGHT

The Chamber of Commerce meeting for the consideration of the consolidation question, scheduled to be held at the Jefferson Hotel this afternoon at 8:30 o'clock, has been postponed by Vice-President Henry W. Wood, who will call the meeting to order next Tuesday evening at the same hour. The postponement was ordered on account of the death of E. H. Spence. The principal topic of discussion at the meeting Tuesday will be the annexation proposition made by Manchester. The quarterly meeting of the board of directors postponed all business yesterday, but decided to attend the funeral of E. Harvie Spence, a director of the chamber.

SOUTH JEFFERSON HAS FIRE SCARE

Residence Near Hotel Caught While Owners Were Going to Theatre.

Fire broke out in the residence of D. Whitlock, 1 South Jefferson Street, shortly before 10 o'clock last night, doing a great deal of damage to furniture and ornaments, and creating much excitement in the neighborhood. Though it took the department but a short while to extinguish the flames, the greater part of the furniture was damaged, and the house flooded with water. Walls fell down and the entire building was covered with rubbish.

When the alarm was turned in Mr. and Mrs. Whitlock were in the act of entering the theatre, but they knew that it was in their neighborhood and hurried home. On their arrival there two engines were at work and a large crowd had collected at the door. House Detective Griffin, of the Jefferson Hotel, was among the first to see the flames, and ran to the back door, where they seemed to have had their origin.

When the department arrived the rear end of the hall was blazing brightly, and as there was no one at home it was necessary to break down the door in order to turn in the water. Fire was soon under control. Mr. Whitlock was at a loss to know how it caught or what the damage was. He was insured.

The house next door, occupied by J. B. Booker, chief clerk at the Jefferson Hotel, was a scene of great confusion. Mrs. Booker, who was there alone with their little child, not knowing whether or not it was her home on fire, rushed out with the baby in her arms. It was not until the fire was practically out that the Bookers found they had not been touched by the flames.

IN THE HUSTINGS COURT

Three Convictions Brought Before Judge Witt by Jury Yesterday.

Earnest Jenkins, colored, indicted for housebreaking, was tried in the Hustings Court yesterday. He pleaded guilty and threw himself on the mercy of the court. Judge Witt fined him 1 cent and the costs, which will amount to \$15 or \$25, and gave him twelve months on the public roads.

Lucy Cooper, indicted for cutting up Beattie Christian in several places, told the jury that she was guiltless. After hearing the evidence the men decided otherwise. She was handed five years across the hills. Both women are colored.

Laura Jones brought the complaint from the Police Court that she had been severely beaten by Lily Lowry, who wielded a skillet with telling effect. Lily said that she was not guilty. She finally got thirty days in jail on the charge of assault and battery.

COLORED BANK ON CLAY STREET

Plans Filed for \$20,000 Structure at Corner of Third Street.

Plans were filed yesterday in the office of the Building Inspector for a four-story brick bank and office building for the Mechanics' Savings Bank, John Mitchell, Jr., colored, president, to be erected at the northwest corner of Third and Clay Streets.

Already a vigorous protest is coming from the neighborhood, all of the householders on this block up to this time being white, the block being one of the best of the residence section of Clay Street, and there is much complaint at the effort to build a colored bank building in that quarter. Property owners along the block are already considering applying for the establishment of a building line which would prevent the erection of the building out to the street, making it conform to the line of present houses. The plans filed call for a four-story brick building to come out flush to the street line, both on Clay and Third Streets, the structure to cost \$20,000.

Last year when negotiations were pending for a sale of the old Quaker Church west of First Street on Clay to a colored congregation citizens and property owners of the neighborhood held a meeting of protest, and the negotiations were called off for the time. The colored section back of Clay Street has long been congested and limited by the ravine on the north and has no other means of growth than to the south. Already colored churches and other buildings have pushed out on Leigh Street until the City School Board has determined to abandon Leigh Street School, at First and Leigh, as a white school and use the building for the colored normal school. The proposed bank building, however, if erected, will be the first building of a business character, and the first occupied by colored people on that section of Clay Street.

For Agricultural Training.

At the State Auditor's office yesterday a check for \$40,000 was received from the United States government as Virginia's portion of the fund from the sale of public lands for agricultural training in the State. Virginia's portion last year from the same source was \$35,000. Two-thirds of the amount will go to the V. P. I., and one-third to the Hampton Normal and Industrial Institute.

New Virginia Concern.

The Corporation Commission yesterday issued a charter to the I. E. Rowe Company, Inc., Norfolk county. N. T. Torbert, president; R. L. Corbell, secretary and treasurer; J. N. Harris, vice-president—all of Port Norfolk. Capital—Maximum \$25,000; minimum, \$5,000. Objects—Canning business.

Don't you think it more economical to buy good clothes at a reduced price than to buy cheap clothes at a reduced price?

Our Sale of Suits at \$16.00

For Suits Which Sold Up to \$28.00

Gives you the choice of hundreds of the finest and best tailored suits it is possible to produce—Suits equal to the production of the best custom tailors at about one-third of their charges.

The assortment is still good—the sizes still complete.

Clearance Sale Boys' Knickerbocker Suits

Over everyone in the house, including blue serges and wash suits, reduced

25%

25% DISCOUNT on Knee Pants.
25% DISCOUNT on Boys' Shirts.
25% DISCOUNT on Boys' Underwear.

Gans-Rady Company.

RICHMOND HOTEL CHEF KILLED BY ELEVATOR

ANNOUNCE LIST OF THOSE WHO PASSED

Humbert Gabitini's Life Crushed Out Just as He Was Leaving for the Night.

RACING HOME WITH FRIEND

Foreigner Caught Between First Floor and Bottom of Heavy Freight Machine.

Thirty-Five Young Men Receive License to Practice Dentistry in Virginia.

The Virginia State Board of Dental Examiners, which met here on June 8-10, issued yesterday the following list of young men who passed, and who are, therefore, entitled to practice:

George W. Botts, Appalachee, Va.
John W. Robinson, Axton, Va.
J. F. Anderson, Statesville, N. C.
M. R. Page Lee, Norfolk, Va.
C. D. Towne, South Boston, Va.
J. M. Herr, Baltimore, Md.
E. R. Dudley, Newbern, N. C.
J. E. Geary, Washington, D. C.
G. J. Sykes, Washington, D. C.
L. Robins, Lenoir, N. C.
O. W. Marshall, Staunton, Va.
J. R. Gambill, Richmond.
B. B. Edmonds, Kilmarnock, Va.
J. P. Speer, Castlewood, Va.
E. H. Hopkins, Brown Summit, N. C.
E. J. Lawler, Norfolk, Va.
R. A. Dodd, Brookneal, Va.
L. E. Dellinger, Winchester, Va.
F. F. Rangeley, Stuart, Va.
O. A. Olliver, Sinking Creek, Va.
C. H. Green, Stony Creek, Va.
W. E. Robertson, Suffolk, Va.
S. R. Watson, Henderson, N. C.
C. H. Davis, Blanton, Va.
R. H. Banks, Madison, Va.
T. H. Scales, Richmond.
I. H. Wille, Franklin, Va.
R. H. Jeffries, Kinalee, Va.
J. E. Awant, Petersburg, Va.
Norman Lassiter, Wilmington, Del.
T. E. Payne, White Plains, Va.
J. B. Mallory, Jr., Lawrenceville, Va.
J. H. Cocks, Disputanta, Va.
H. E. Kelsey, Baltimore, Md.
Stafford, Rambo, Danville, Va.

Caught between the first floor and the bottom of the freight elevator Humbert Gabitini, one of the chefs at the Richmond Hotel, was killed there last night at 12 o'clock. When help reached him there was some signs of life, but before he could be released from his position he was dead. Both men were foreigners and could not speak English well. Gabitini's story is that when work was over, shortly before 12 o'clock, they went upstairs from the kitchen to pull the time bell in the clerk's office, registering their work for the day. They pulled in at the same time and started down to the kitchen to leave. According to Gabitini, his companion said to him, "I will beat you down." As he said this he jumped in the freight elevator while Gabitini started down the steps.

When he reached the bottom Gabitini's head was caught between the elevator and the floor.

Was Instantly Killed. Across his stomach, just below the heart, there was a line showing that the pressure had been great. The ribs on both sides were crushed and there were fatal internal injuries. Dr. J. L. Davis, of the city ambulance, and Dr. W. H. Taylor, City Coroner, were of the opinion that death was almost instantaneous. The body was taken to an undertaker, and an inquest will be held this afternoon.

In the excited condition that he was in, Gabitini was unable to give a clear account of the accident. The most intelligent description of it comes from Herbert Curtis, who was one of the first to get into the elevator after it was known that the man had been hurt. He said that when he reached the foot of the steps the body was tightly wedged between the floor of the elevator and the first floor of the building. Though the power was still on, it was not sufficient to move the machine, so tightly was the man hung. As soon as possible some one took the machine, reversing the current, so there was no danger of the man being stretched out on the cement floor below. Gabitini breathed his last without giving any signs of consciousness.

The most plausible theory of the accident seems to be that the machine was standing at the office door and that when Gabitini called to his companion he started it down. The elevator is automatic, cutting off the current when it reaches the ground floor. It is thought that when he reached the bottom he reversed the wheel, starting it up again. The elevator was in good condition, as was shown by the way it ran after the man was killed. Gabitini is said to have a brother in the city, but he was not located last night. He was twenty-two years old.

SEABOARD AIR LINE

A Series of Stockholders' Meetings Called by Company in Southern Cities.

Arrangements have been made for a series of meetings of the Seaboard Air Line Railway Company's stockholders, the object of which is to afford them an opportunity to act personally rather than by proxy on the reorganization plan. The first meetings will be held on August 4 at Petersburg, Va., and Raleigh, N. C. On August 5 another will be called at Columbia, S. C., and the day following there will be one at Jacksonville, Fla. The two last meetings will be called at Atlanta, Ga., and Birmingham, Ala., on August 7.

Sergeant McGraw Not a Candidate.

First Sergeant James McGraw, of Company C, Richmond Light Infantry Blues, said yesterday that there was no foundation for the printed statement that he was a candidate for first lieutenant in the event of the promotion of Lieutenant Armstrong.

Important Notice to Telephone Subscribers

Due to the failure of subscribers to call the name of the exchange in which the number wanted is located, much confusion and unsatisfactory service has resulted since the second exchange was opened Saturday night, the 3d inst.

Subscribers will not only obtain the number desired more quickly by naming the exchange, as per requests printed in the newspapers and also attached to the face of the new directory, but they will relieve the central office to an extent that will make it possible to render satisfactory service. Until subscribers name the exchange in which the number they want is located, confusion at the central office is unavoidable.

We most earnestly repeat our request to subscribers that they name the exchange in every instance. If this simple request be complied with on the part of subscribers, the service will be restored to normal conditions within a few days and at the earliest moment possible under the conditions which surround such a change as we have just made and which was rendered necessary by the growth of Richmond.

Please say "Madison 9070" or "Monroe 9070," as the case may be, and not only help us, but quicken your own service.

Southern Bell Telephone & Telegraph Co. of Virginia

